

# Hawaiian Gazette.

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, April 16.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, .00.  
Temperature, Max. 76; Min. 69. Weather, fair to cloudy.

SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 4.36c. Per Ton, \$87.20.  
88 Analysis Boots, 11s. 9d. Per Ton, \$89.80.

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## FLEET VISIT SIXTEEN DAYS

Probable That Coaling Will Require All of That Time.

It is probable that the visit of the fleet to these waters will last for some days longer than the ten days announced as the period during which Honolulu would be called upon to entertain the officers and men of the mightiest aggregation of fighting ships ever on the Pacific. George W. Smith, president of the Merchants' Association, one of the three members of the executive committee of the Fleet Reception Committee, who has been gathering all the information possible from official sources, has learned that it will take three days to coal three ships, allowing for an average of five hundred tons of coal a day as the burning average of the boys of each vessel. Three vessels at a time can be coaled here, as that period during which the fleet will be off the harbor will be one day for each vessel.

There will be sixteen battleships in the fleet that visits here, for although the Alabama and the Maine will leave the main fleet at San Francisco, either to be kept on the Pacific station permanently or be ordered back to the Atlantic by way of the Strait of Magellan, their places in the line will be taken by the Nebraska and the Wisconsin. And in addition to the sixteen battleships will come the repair ship Panther, the Colgo and the Glacier, supply ships, and probably the hospital ship Relief.

This is semi-official, being sent here in a private letter from Captain J. E. Pillsbury, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, who states also that Captains Walcott and Schroeder will be promoted to take the places of Admirals Evans and Thomas, who have been relieved. Captain Pillsbury says concerning the date on which the fleet will leave the Coast:

"It is expected that the Atlantic fleet will leave for Honolulu the first week in July or possibly a little earlier, but of the exact date you will hear later. It can not be fixed positively at the present time, as we do not know how long it would be required for docking the ships before sailing."

## ROSE MAIDEN FOR CONGRESS OF SONG

Honolulu will have its annual Congress of Song, commencing May 14.

The affair will probably take place on the old fishmarket.

On the opening day Cowen's cantata, "The Rose Maiden," will be given, under the conductors of Stanley Livingston.

There will be a chorus of 400 voices, recruited from Kamehameha Boys' School, Kamehameha Girls' School, High School, Normal School and Mills Institute.

Mrs. Mackall will be the soprano soloist.

On May 15 a chorus of a thousand children will render a miscellaneous program at the fishmarket.

That congress of song have been notable events and an effort will be made to have this year's event eclipse its predecessors.

## SARGENT EXPECTS FAVORABLE ACTION ON IMMIGRATION BILL

Commissioner of Immigration, Sargent, writing to H. P. Wood, states that he has hopes of the amendment to the Immigration Bill allowing Hawaii to proceed with the recruiting of European laborers and bringing them to the Territory in the same manner in which the recent Portuguese and Spanish immigrants were brought, passing in Congress this session. The letter of Mr. Sargent's is a personal one, but the following passages are of considerable general interest:

"I have before me your letter of March 14th, also copies of daily papers, wherein you have referred to a certain communication emanating from the Bureau in Washington.

"Of course, to say that I appreciate your kindness in making mention of the suggestions which I made to you in my recent letter, goes without saying. Because if in the least degree I can serve the interests of the Territory in the matter of adding to its population any self-respecting, industrious work-

## LEAGUE GETS FISHMARKET

That Is if Improvements Made Meet Marston Campbell's Approval.

The Kilohana Art League is to be given a chance to acquire the old fishmarket building on Alakea street for purposes of culture and entertainment, the edifice to be used by the league and several other local amusement and recreation organizations.

All that the Art League has to do is to make such improvements as will appeal to Superintendent of Public Works Campbell as being properly dignified and tasteful, and permission will be extended for such improvements to become permanent.

The meeting of the Civic Improvement Circle last night at the Kilohana Art League headquarters was attended by Superintendent of Public Works Marston Campbell, Representative John Hughes, Judge Kingsbury, Senator Dickey, E. G. Keen, Mrs. William Montrose Graham, Miss Angus and Mrs. Marshall. Miss Dwight took copious notes of the proceedings.

Seldom has there been so much talkative in the cosy little haunt of Honolulu's most cultured sons and daughters. In the room where the most famous of local painters and writers are wont to assemble, the eternal fishmarket question was threshed out under a double head of steam for the best part of two solid hours.

Mrs. Graham broke the ice by spreading a plan of the proposed improvements on the floor. Then she tried to break everybody's knees by inviting them to descend and inspect.

Judge Kingsbury balked at the suggestion. He said that at his time of life it would take something more than a mere chart to bring him to his knees. "If Mr. Campbell will only give me what I want," replied Mrs. Graham, "I'll kneel at the corner of Fort and King streets for a whole week."

Mrs. Graham explained that she thought that she could raise \$2500 toward improvements and was of the opinion that something neat and tasty in the line of tiers of seats, a stage and general trimmings could be obtained for this amount. All she wanted was an assurance that the improvements would be allowed to remain where they were.

Marston Campbell thought differently and said so. In his opinion the result of the expenditure of \$2500 along the lines suggested would be undignified and likely to offend the good taste of the community. He thought that it would take \$15,000 to have improvements as were improvements.

Mrs. Graham told Mr. Campbell that he had a champagne taste while she only had beer money.

John Hughes remarked that Mrs. Graham's motives were laudable, philanthropic and patriotic, but said they were knocked into a cocked hat, by the difference in ideas as to improvements, between Mrs. Graham and the Superintendent of Public Works.

Marston Campbell reiterated his intention of not standing for any eyecore. C. H. Dickey suggested that the interested organizations get together, appoint a general committee, and furnish plans and specifications of what they wanted, to the Superintendent of Public Works.

Mrs. Graham said that she was in love with the fishmarket building and had worked to get it for the league for months. She called for a show down.

Marston Campbell said that Dickey's suggestion was a good one and added that he would be very glad to consider anything of a tangible nature submitted to him.

At this point Mrs. Graham came near saying way to discouragement.

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## INVITATION HAS BEEN CABLED

Kuhio Advised That the Naval Committee Are Wanted as Guests.

The funds necessary for the entertainment of the members of the House Committee on Naval Affairs and their transportation from San Francisco to Honolulu was guaranteed the joint committee of the Merchants' Association and the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, and last night the authority was cabled to Delegate Kuhio to extend the invitation to the committee members in the name of the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association.

It is probable that this invitation will be accepted by at least six members of the committee, who will be on the Coast in June. The expectation is that they will sail from San Francisco so as to arrive here on July 23 and be able to spend from two to three weeks on Oahu acquainting themselves with Pearl Harbor, where the millions recommended by their committee will be spent. It was the idea of the Heligates, the wisdom of which was seen at once by the business men and government officials here, that as the Committee on Naval Affairs will have much to do with Pearl Harbor during the next two years, the best interests of the Territory would be served by having them go over the situation personally and become thoroughly familiar with the question of developing that harbor for naval purposes.

It is understood that the joint committee had very little trouble in securing the guarantee of the money necessary for their purpose, the amount coming in a lump from some available source.

## JAPANESE KAHUNA ARRESTED ON KAUAI

Word has been received from Kauai of the arrest there, at Lawai, of Kuma Kumakichi, for violation of the statute against kahunaism. This man, known locally among the Japanese as "Kuma the Devil," is a renegade Japanese priest, who practised the Black Arts in Kewalo, until forced to leave through the exposures of the Japanese press, and who was later detected again at his blackmaling practices at Waialua and forced to leave the island. He went to Kauai some weeks ago and there a campaign of publicity was begun against him by the Kauai Shuho, resulting in the police taking up the matter and making the arrest.

According to Honolulu Japanese who know him, Kuma has his work down to a fine point, having added anaana to his Japanese sorcery and inaugurated a free love cult as well. He is a mesmerizer in a way, something of a ventriloquist, goes into mediumistic trances when occasion requires, practises slight of hand in the performances of miracles and generally so terrifies the more ignorant among the Japanese that their gifts of propitiation enable him to live on the fat of the land.

There is general rejoicing among the Japanese that the police authorities have stepped in and placed the Devil where he belongs.

## MARK TWAIN ACCEPTS HAWAII'S OFFER OF GIFT

Koa Mantel in His Billiard Room Will Be Hawaii's Expression of Appreciation for the Great Writer.

Samuel Clemens, known to all the world as "Mark Twain," has accepted the offer of the Hawaii Promotion Committee to furnish him with a koa mantelpiece for his new house in Connecticut as a reminder of the days he spent in the islands and an expression of the appreciation of the people of the islands of the good words the famous writer has penned concerning Hawaii. A month ago the committee wrote to Mr. Clemens and made the offer, suggesting either a mantelpiece or an easy chair made up from the native koa, the letter concluding with the following paragraph:

"I trust that you may receive this letter in the spirit with which it is written, which simply is a desire to express to you our appreciation of the good words you have said about Hawaii and our admiration for 'Mark Twain.'"

MARK TWAIN'S REPLY.

In the spirit the offer was made it

## GOVERNOR URGES KUHIU BY WIRE

Fear Cables Him Regarding Coastwise Law—Commercial Bodies Kookua.

"Hurry up that bill doing away with the absurd application of the Coastwise laws of these Islands until there are enough ships flying the Stars and Stripes to look after us."

Such in effect, although not in exactly the same words, were the cable messages despatched yesterday to Delegate to Congress Kalaiananole from Governor Frear and from the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association, messages suggested at this particular time from the fact that passenger traffic now is badly congested and appears to be getting worse instead of better. The message from the Governor was filed early in the day; that from the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association was put on the wires at five o'clock.

Everything departing from this port for weeks to come in the line of steamships for the Coast with licenses to carry passengers is booked up full in advance and there are tourists here whose return to the mainland is so imperative that they declare they will go steerage, no other way appearing possible. Others, whose return is not so absolutely pressing as this, will have to stop over, while some Honolulu travelers who had anticipated sailing either on the Alameda or the Korea will, from present appearances, have to defer their trips.

The indications are that travel to and from the Islands will increase very much during the next year, unless the business is killed or crippled by the conditions that now prevail. During the past few weeks the Promotion Committee has received many letters from steamship men and railroad men all over the Union stating that there are many inquiries and bookings for Honolulu. Many of the writers prophesy big travel this way. In addition to these letters are many others from individuals asking for information concerning the Islands and stating that the writers are contemplating a trip here during the summer. Already, too, the work to be done and already under way by the Federal government is bringing people, carpenters, concrete workers and others, while the actual commencement of work at Pearl Harbor and elsewhere on Oahu cannot fail to increase travel very largely.

As things are at present and as they have been at not infrequent intervals in the past, the work of the Promotion Committee in interesting tourists is being stultified through the lack of steamships for the trade. It has been said that one pleased tourist is the greatest advertisement from a promotion standpoint that Hawaii can have and by the same token a tourist who leaves here when and how he can with a legitimate kick such as some have now may be the worst kind of a knocker for the islands let loose.

Already in tourist circles on the mainland Hawaii is known as a place where it is easier to get into than away from and this has hurt, how much the hotel proprietors can tell.

The passage of the bill lifting the embargo of the Coastwise law, even with the limiting amendment saddled on it in committee of the House at Washington, will be a great help and it is hoped that the cables sent yesterday will strengthen the Delegate's hand and forward the measure.

The bill, as originally presented by Kuhio, was drafted by Governor Frear while he was in Washington, and before being presented was submitted to and approved of by Secretary Straus. The amendment, which provides that the bill becomes null and void so soon

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## TARIFF CHANGES ONLY AFTER A FULL HEARING

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The leaders of Congress have notified President Roosevelt that the only ones of the measures recommended by him likely to pass at this session are the bill providing for a more elastic currency and the bill providing for the payment of compensation for persons injured while in the employment of the government.

Notice was also given that there must be full hearings of all those interested before there would be any revision of the tariff. SAN DIEGO, California, April 14.—The battleship fleet arrived here today shortly after the noon hour. Governor Gillett called on Admiral Thomas and formally welcomed him in the name of the State of California. The Admiral returned the call, and, the formalities over, the program of entertainment began. There are thousands of visitors in the city.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—The President sent a message to Congress today urging the appropriation for the construction of four battleships. Congressman Hobson, in a speech before the House, quoted Admiral Dewey in favor of the Subig Bay fortifications.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—The President today sent to the Senate the appointment of A. N. Kopoikai to be Judge of the Circuit Court of Hawaii. CORFU, April 14.—Kaiser Wilhelm offered a toast today to the friendship of England and Germany.

PASO ROBLES, California, April 14.—The condition of Admiral Evans is encouraging.

HELENA, Mont., April 15.—The dam at Hauser Lake, on the Missouri river, broke last night, doing much damage. The towns of Craig, Cascade and Great Falls are threatened and residents are fleeing in terror.

NEW YORK, April 15.—At a late hour last night the indications were that the New York delegation to the Democratic National Convention would go unopposed.

DOVER, April 15.—The Delaware State Convention has instructed its delegates to the Democratic National Convention to vote for the nomination of United States Circuit Judge George Gray.

DURANGO, Col., April 15.—An explosion occurred in the Royal coal mine here yesterday, wrecking the workings and killing three men. The disaster followed the receipt of an anonymous warning that there would be a wreck unless repairs were made to render the mine safer.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—The commercial bodies of this city have asked the Navy Department that twelve battleships and eight cruisers be permanently kept in the Pacific.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The Insular Committee favors the postponement of the application of the coastwise laws to the Philippine Islands.

SAN DIEGO, April 15.—In the official welcome here to the Naval Brigade five thousand men were on parade.

PASO ROBLES, April 15.—Admiral Evans is improving.

NEW YORK, April 16.—The Democratic State Convention in session here has chosen an unopposed delegation to attend the National Convention in Denver. The Bryanites will now probably hold a convention of their own and send a contesting delegation to Denver with a hope of seating it. The McCarren delegates were unseated at the convention.

HELENA, Montana, April 16.—The damage resulting from the flood, following the breaking of the dam at Hauser Lake, on the Missouri river, will be a million dollars. The town of Craig is reported to have been destroyed. The flood is now subsiding. There has been no loss of life reported.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The recommendation from President Roosevelt that four new battleships be laid down was yesterday defeated in the House by a vote of one hundred and ninety-nine to eighty-eight.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The indications are that Congress will adjourn on or about May 16.

TOKIO, April 16.—The rebellion in Korea is increasing in strength, and it has been decided that it will be necessary to reinforce the Japanese forces now in the field against the rebels.

TOKIO, April 16.—Sakatani, the ex-Minister of Finance of Japan, sailed for America yesterday.

TIFLIS, Bulgaria, April 16.—Russian troops have invaded the Persian coast from the Caspian for the purpose of punishing Kurdish raiders.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The postal savings bank bill was today reported favorably from committee to the Senate.

PASO ROBLES, April 16.—Admiral Evans is gaining strength.

SAN DIEGO, April 16.—This day is being devoted to rest and recreation preparatory to the further program for entertaining the fleet.

BOSTON, April 17.—It is reported that Secretary Taft is to retire from the Cabinet in July. Robert Bacon, the Assistant Secretary of State, will succeed him as Secretary of War.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 16.—The State Republican Convention today chose a delegation to the Chicago Convention instructed for Taft.

RIVERSIDE, California, April 17.—Following a fire at the Standard Oil works and the explosion of one of the tanks, a herd of elephants, frightened by the noise, escaped from the tents of the Sells-Floto circus, showing here, and stampeded through the crowd. One woman was killed through being trampled on by one of the maddened brutes and two men were injured.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The House has passed a bill authorizing the purchase of eight submarine boats, leaving the style to be bought to the choice of the Secretary of the Navy.

## NEW RESIDENCE FOR JAPANESE CONSUL

After the purchase price of the Progress block, now the Japanese Consulate, had been paid over and the expense of remodeling the interior had been met it has been found that there is a considerable balance left of the appropriation made by the Japanese Diet for consular buildings in Honolulu. This amount will not have to go back to Japan, however, permission having been secured for the use of it for a new official residence for the Consul General.

The Japanese government are already the owners of the property on Nuuanu avenue on which the old residence of the Consul General stands and the new residence will be built there. The work of razing the old buildings will be commenced very soon and a handsome new residence erected.

## PLAN BIG WORKS.

The Honolulu Construction and Draying Company has filed application for articles of incorporation. W. H. Hoogs, J. J. Belser, G. H. Meyer and John Walker are the founders and directors. The first capital stock is set at \$15,000, with right to advance or decrease. The Audit Company of Hawaii will be auditor.

The company will carry on a contracting business, building wharves, railways, pumps, electric lines; running machine shops, foundries, iron works, planing mills, dredging plants and dry-docks, also operating rolling stock and vessels.

Attorney General Hemenway says the application papers are as they should be.